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Mr. Chris Spencer, Director
Office of Policy and Budget
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The Capitol, Room 1702B
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Mr. Spencer,

The Agency Capital Improvements Program for Fiscal Year 2023-24 through Fiscal Year 2027-28 for Department of Military Affairs is submitted and posted to the Florida Fiscal Portal, following the instruction dated July 2022. The information provided electronically is a true and accurate presentation of our proposed Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request of \$150,270,457.00 for 2023-24 fiscal year.

Our request for \$600,000.00 in non-recurring Camp Blanding Management Trust Fund budget authority in support of the repair, upgrade, and renovation of barracks (Buildings 2028 and 2030) on Camp Blanding Joint Training Center in Clay County. These barracks were built in the 1950's and require upgrades to the roofing, carpentry, plumbing, and painting of interior and exterior surfaces. These repairs are required due to their current conditions are not adequate to house units or personnel due to lack of safety and structural deficiencies. Upgrades to these two barracks will increase the ability to provide adequate bed space for units conducting training at the training center.

Department of Military Affairs is requesting \$5,558,000 of non-recurring general revenue for the maintenance and repair of readiness centers/armories throughout Florida. The federal government has restricted the use of federal funding on readiness centers/armories to no more than 50% share of what the state provides. Without state match, no federal funding can be spent on the maintenance and repairs of any state-owned facilities. Gaps in state share for these facilities results in deferred maintenance which results in more damage, deteriorating major components, and increased future repairs. Maintenance and repair funding is spent on roof repairs/replacement, major component life cycle replacements, flood abatement, parking, retention ponds, erosion, lighting upgrades, doors/windows, and interior/exterior renovations. The federal government can match dollar for dollar up to \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2023-24.

Department of Military Affairs is requesting non-recurring general revenue funds in order to build new readiness centers/armories to support the growth of the Florida National Guard. Currently, the Florida National Guard is approximately 1.4 million square feet short in authorized readiness center space which hinders the ability of units to conduct readiness driving functions within their assigned facilities. New facilities with adequate, parking, administrative, training, supply, and storage space is needed to meet the current readiness

requirements for support to State and Federal missions and allow for the acceptance of new units into the Florida National Guard.

Department of Military Affairs is requesting \$7,173,100 of non-recurring general revenue in category 086950 in support of the Enduring Sustainment Program. This program seeks to achieve major renovations focused on code compliance, energy efficiency/redundancy, ADA compliance, life/safety upgrades, and general life cycle replacement of major components. The funding requested is a 50% share of federal funding and will allow for 11 facilities to be renovated for the first time in 15 years. All facility renovations will be designed to achieve LEED Silver in an effort to reduce energy and utility costs. Without state match, no federal funding can be spent on the maintenance and repairs of any state-owned facilities.

Department of Military Affairs is requesting \$132,570,000 of non-recurring general revenue for construction projects required to upgrade and construct Camp Blanding Joint Training Center (CBJTC) facilities in order to meet the requirements as a Level II installation. Additionally, CBJTC is a contingency Mobilization Force generation Installation (MFGI) but lacks some of the required facilities to fulfill the requirements of a contingency MFGI. The funding request as part of phase I is focused on constructing billeting areas that include barracks, one battalion area, one company operations facility, and one dining facility. Additionally, phase one funding would provide a land mobile radio system tower replacement, a live fire range, a logistics warehouse, a running track, classrooms, soldier readiness processing facility, vehicle wash rack, and a troop parking area. It is critical that these facilities get constructed to support readiness training and support operations at the Infantry Brigade Combat Team level to minimize the requirements to travel to other State's to accomplish training.

Department of Military Affairs is requesting \$1,785,000 of non-recurring general revenue to construct an Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT) facility on CBJTC. The ACFT is the primary physical fitness training and testing standard. The ACFT requires specialized facilities and equipment to support new cross-training type standards. The prepared turf field is required for combat simulated drag and carry exercises and core strength events. The cover provides the ability to train year around and in inclement weather, as well as significantly reduces maintenance and repair costs of the prepared turf areas. This facility is a 24,000 square foot building that will contain a 16 lane artificial turf field. CBJTC is a primary location for the region for diagnostic and record testing used by the Florida National Guard and in some cases the United States Army Reserves. It is critical to build this facility to reduce maintenance costs on the artificial turf and the increased capability of conducting the test 365 days of the year without limitation.

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